



Crop Progress and Condition

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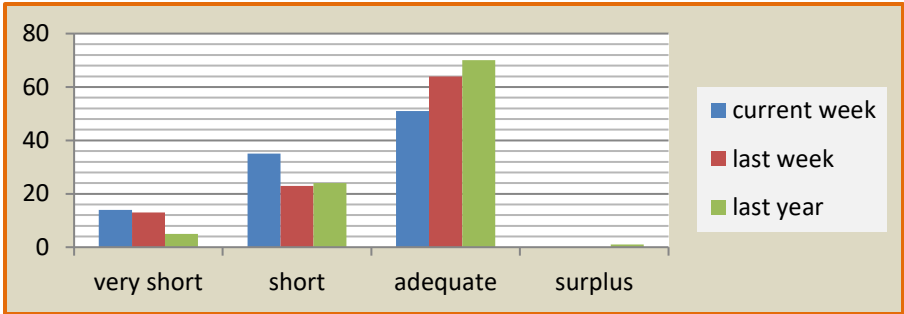
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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.2. Weather conditions warmed later in the week with scattered rains during the week. Parts of the State continue to have drier conditions. Farming activities this week included weaning calves and harvesting fruit.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 08/23/20

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	14	35	51	-
Subsoil	13	33	52	2

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 08/23/20



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 08/23/20

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	19	34	46	1
Peaches	-	18	29	52	1
Corn	7	17	29	44	3
Hay	6	20	24	43	7
Soybeans	1	7	30	56	6
Pasture	7	10	28	50	5
Cattle & Calves	-	1	34	62	3
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	21	74	3

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 08/23/20

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	17	5	25	17
Peaches harvested	53	43	75	72
Corn silking	88	79	69	79
Corn dough	46	35	44	52
Corn dented	16	10	16	15
Hay second cutting	54	41	53	55
Soybeans blooming	65	50	83	77
Soybeans setting pods	36	25	42	44
Winter Wheat harvested for grain	95	92	95	98

- Represents data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending August 23, 2020

Another cold front crossed over West Virginia at the beginning of this week and with other cool systems passing previously, temperatures began very much on the cool side. Some cooler locations in the State dropped into the upper 40s at night. Most high temperatures have been from the upper 70s to low 80s for most of the week, but with a warming trend through the week, most stations ended the week with high temperatures in the mid-80s, and lows in the mid to upper 60s. At the end of the week, nearly all stations averaged at or below normal. Martinsburg (+1) was the only station to exceed normal this week. The State had some organized showers and storms early in the week with the cold front. For the rest of the week, West Virginia received isolated and scattered showers and thunderstorms as waves of upper level instability passed over. Some of these storms produced excessive precipitation, and some localized flooding was reported. Since most of the precipitation occurred with these pop up showers and storms, stations that did not get directly hit recorded very low precipitation amounts. Dry conditions persist in the Northern part of the State.

Temperatures: Keyser had the highest recorded temperature of 95 degrees. Terra Alta had the lowest recorded temperature of 49 degrees. The state average temperature was 71 degrees.

Precipitation: Huntington had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 2.05 inches. Martinsburg had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.04 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 0.63 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 08/23/20

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2020	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST-----									
WHEELING	87	53	71	0	0.05	0.88	12.45	16.86	18.74
PARKERSBURG	85	52	71	-2	0.31	0.81	22.82	20.10	18.79
CRESTON	85	52	71		0.21		23.84	23.11	
--NORTHCENTRAL-----									
MORGANTOWN	85	54	72	0	0.41	0.79	15.40	19.98	19.68
CLARKSBURG	86	52	71	-1	0.05	0.74	22.32	19.38	21.16
BELINGTON	86	53	71		0.90		24.02	16.12	
WESTON	87	53	72		0.54		28.98	20.72	
--SOUTHWEST-----									
WILLIAMSON	88	59	73		1.46		25.18	20.33	
HUNTINGTON	87	58	73	-2	2.05	0.86	20.03	19.57	19.73
CHARLESTON	86	55	72	-2	0.28	0.81	27.07	21.68	20.25
RIPLEY	86	52	72		0.52		23.01	21.63	
--CENTRAL-----									
TERRA ALTA	84	49	68		0.19		22.14	26.83	
ELKINS	84	51	68	-1	1.89	0.85	27.97	23.61	21.74
MARLINTON	81	52	68		1.43		29.67	19.70	
--SOUTHERN-----									
BECKLEY	79	53	67	-3	0.33	0.72	26.50	20.26	19.94
PINEVILLE	85	58	73		1.20		27.33	17.64	
BLUEFIELD	79	55	69	-3	0.23	0.69	28.80	16.44	18.57
WHITE SUL SP	85	57	70		0.39		25.13	18.53	
BLUESTONE DAM	82	57	70		1.25		26.38	17.37	
--NORTHEASTERN-----									
MARTINSBURG	91	59	74	1	0.04	0.66	14.10	18.30	17.43
KEYSER	95	50	73		0.09		17.17	19.22	
MOOREFIELD	89	53	73		0.11		17.06	21.76	
State Average Temperature	71								
State Average Precipitation	0.63								

Source:
Weather comments and data - Dept. of Commerce, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration National Weather Service, Charleston, WV.